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**RESPONSES TO THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC
IF THE APPLICANT IS SELECTED AS A NOMINEE**



NAME: Craig Kennedy Higgins

1. **State your present principal occupation:** Associate City Counselor/Attorney Manager, Office of City Counselor, Municipal Prosecution Division
2. **Answer the following:**
 - (a) **Are you at least 30 years of age?** Yes
 - (b) **How long have you been a citizen of the United States?** 50 years
 - (c) **How long have you been a resident of the City of St. Louis?** 50 years
 - (d) **How long have you been a qualified voter of Missouri?** 32 years
3. **For each jurisdiction in which you are or have been licensed to practice, state:**
 - (a) **The name of the jurisdiction;** Missouri; Illinois; United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri; 8th Circuit Court of Appeals
 - (b) **The date you were admitted to that bar and, if applicable, ceased to be a member of that bar; and** Missouri--September 27, 1991; Illinois--November 5, 1992
 - (c) **Your bar number.** Missouri--42132; Illinois--6211073
4. **State the name and address of each post-high school educational institutions you have attended, together with the dates and any degree received:**

Drake University, Des Moines, IA; August 1984 to May 1985. No degree (transferred).

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; August 1985 to May 1988. Obtained Bachelor of Journalism (Advertising).

Drake University, Des Moines, IA; August 1988 to May 1991. Obtained Juris Doctorate and Master of Arts in Mass Communications.

5. List each position of employment you have held, beginning with your earliest, including non-legal employment, and for each state:

(a) The name and address of the employer;

(b) The position(s) you held;

(c) The dates of employment;

(d) Whether the employment was full, part-time, or seasonal; and

(e) The reason(s) the employment ceased.

1982 PLAZA CLEANERS, St. Louis, MO; Van driver; part-time; I resigned to take another job

1983 KIRKWOOD CLEANERS, St. Louis, MO; Van driver; part-time; I resigned to take another job

1983 KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN, St. Louis, MO; Cook; part-time; I resigned in order to attend college

1984 COWLES LIBRARY (DRAKE UNIVERSITY); Des Moines, IA; Library aide; part-time; I resigned because I transferred colleges

1985- ELLIS LIBRARY (UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI); Columbia, MO; Library
1988 aide; part-time; I resigned because I graduated

1991- HON. DAVID D. NOCE (UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT); St. Louis,
1993 MO; Judicial Law Clerk; full-time; I resigned because the duration of the clerkship was over and to take another job

1993- STATE FARM MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY; St. Louis, MO; Claim
1996 Representative; full-time; I resigned to take another job

1996- CITY OF ST. LOUIS (OFFICE OF CITY COUNSELOR); St. Louis, MO; present
Associate City Counselor; Chief Prosecuting Attorney; Attorney Manager; full-time

6. If you have served as a judge or commissioner, identify up to five significant cases over which you presided to completion. Set forth the style, cause number, date and name and current address of the primary attorneys participating in each case, identifying the party each attorney represented. Indicate whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome. N/A
7. List up to ten cases which you have tried as either first or second chair. Set forth the style, cause number, date, and court, and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair, and the name and address of opposing counsel. Indicate whether each case was bench or jury tried and provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome. See Attachment A
8. List up to ten appeals or writs before appellate courts which you have briefed or argued. Set forth the style, cause number, date, and court, and identify who you represented, whether you briefed, argued or both, and the name and address of opposing counsel. Provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome. See Attachment B
9. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? No
If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction, and date of conviction.
10. Have you ever been a party to any litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem or defendant ad litem? Yes
If yes, identify the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction and the approximate year in which such litigation was commenced and in which it was terminated, and provide a one to three sentence description of the case and its outcome.

James Stewart v. City of St. Louis, et al; 4:14cv00161(ERW); U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri; litigation commenced January 28, 2014; litigation terminated on May 14, 2014. I was sued as a party in connection with the enforcement of the City of St. Louis' photo violation ordinance. Case voluntarily dismissed on May 14, 2014.
11. Have you ever been investigated, disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by a court, bar association, or any office or committee thereof?
If yes, provide details. No
12. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? No
If yes, provide details.
13. If you are or were a member of the Judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state: NA
 - (a) Whether an order of reprimand, removal, retirement, suspension or other disciplinary action has ever been entered against you by the Supreme Court of Missouri for breach of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Conduct?

If yes, state the nature of such breach, the date discipline was imposed and the exact nature and duration of the discipline imposed.

- (b) Whether a reprimand or admonishment has ever been entered against you by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline for any of the causes specified in Rule 12.07 of the Supreme Court Rules Governing the Judiciary? If yes, provide details including date the order was entered, the date of your consent, and a description of the conduct you were ordered to cease and desist.
- (c) Whether, to your knowledge, you have been a subject of a complaint and investigation by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline, which did not result in any action by the Commission? If yes, provide details.

14. List all bar associations and other professional societies, of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates.

Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
Committee Memberships----Minorities in the Legal Profession, Government/Public Sector Lawyers, Motion for Kids, and Read Across America
Mound City Bar Association
Lawyers Association

15. Describe your community activities, including any organizations, not listed above, with which you are affiliated.

Board member of Small Business Empowerment Center (non-profit); Presenter at BAMSL High School Mock Trial program (in connection with Webster University); Participant in Mt. Zion Baptist Church Law Day program; Participant in panel discussion at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in aftermath of Michael Brown shooting. Active with Cub Scout Pack 214. Kennard CJA Diversity Committee Member.

16. Do you now hold or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position? No
If yes, provide details.

17. Provide the branches and dates of (a) military service, or (b) other public service, not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged from the military, was the discharge other than honorable? N/A

18. List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature which you have received. N/A

19. Furnish the name, address, telephone number, and email address of up to five individuals, who are not judges, as references with respect to your judicial qualifications.

See Attachment C

20. **Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work or which you believe to be relevant.**

Supporter of Backstoppers, United Negro College Fund, The Gideons International and Drake University Law School Annual Fund. Also, I serve as Chair of an in-house committee to promote diversity within the St. Louis City Counselor's Office. This involves outreach to various legal organizations and law schools. See Attachment D for additional trial experience.

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ATTACHMENT A

City of St. Louis v. Terrance Cole, Taryn Swims, Tarlisa Walker, Jasmine Murphy, and Taron Walker-Gunthorp; D00641860, D00641861, D00641862, D00641863, D00641864; City of St. Louis Municipal Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; no opposing counsel; bench tried; defendant Cole was prosecuted for resisting arrest, defendants Swims, Walker, Murphy, and Walker-Gunthorp were prosecuted for interfering with officer; defendants Cole and Walker-Gunthorp were found not guilty, defendants Swims, Walker, and Murphy were found guilty.

City of St. Louis v. Timothy Jones; D00635078; Division 24 22nd Judicial Circuit; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Chet Pleban; bench tried; defendant was prosecuted for soliciting prostitution; defendant was found not guilty.

City of St. Louis v. Brandon Weber and Derek Weber; D00638850, D00638851; City of St. Louis Municipal Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; no opposing counsel; bench tried; defendants were prosecuted for general peace disturbance; defendants were found guilty.

City of St. Louis v. Sampson Agbigbe; D00627070; City of St. Louis Municipal Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; no opposing counsel; bench tried; defendant was prosecuted for failure to properly obtain certification by the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission; defendant was found guilty.

City of St. Louis v. Daniel Davis; D00631774; City of St. Louis Municipal Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; no opposing counsel; bench trial; defendant was prosecuted for trespassing on private property; defendant was found guilty.

City of St. Louis v. James Walters; D00616872; City of St. Louis Municipal Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Neil Bruntrager, 1735 S Big Bend Blvd, St Louis, MO 63117; bench trial; defendant was prosecuted for lewd and indecent conduct; defendant was found not guilty.

Marvin Goodwin v. City of St. Louis; 0922-AC14224; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Ron Robinson, Evans & Dixon, 211 N. Broadway, Suite 2500, St. Louis, MO 63102; bench trial; Civil lawsuit; plaintiff alleged that vehicle was damaged due to faulty Water Department manhole cover; judgment for plaintiff.

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Cynthia Henderson v. City of St. Louis; 1022-CC10189; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; second chair; opposing counsel was Luke Wells, Paul J. Passanante, P.C. & Associates, 1010 Market Street, Suite 1650, St. Louis, MO 63101; jury trial; Civil lawsuit; plaintiff alleged City had notice of dangerous condition (sidewalk), causing her injury; judgment for City.

Charmin Gibson v. City of St. Louis; 0822-CC8129; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Jamie Boock; Rossiter & Boock, LLC; 124 Gay Avenue; Clayton, MO 63105; jury trial; plaintiff alleged that her auto accident was caused by defective water main and that the City had notice of condition; judgment for plaintiff (40% reduction for comparative fault).

Judith Carl, et al v. City of St. Louis; 22052-07053; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Robert Officer; 818 Lafayette Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63104; jury trial; plaintiff alleged injury due to open excavation by Water Department; judgment for City.

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ATTACHMENT B

Percy Green, II v. Paul Nocciero, et al; 11-2037; 8th Circuit United States Court of Appeals; I prepared brief and argued case before 8th Circuit United States Court of Appeals.

Donald Stahl v. City of St. Louis; 10-3761; 8th Circuit United States Court of Appeals; I did not prepare brief. I argued case before 8th Circuit United States Court of Appeals.

Melinda L. Long v. St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners, et al; 06-4098; 8th Circuit United States Court of Appeals; I prepared brief. No oral argument.

Walter Lathon v. City of St. Louis, et al; 00-1521; 8th Circuit United States Court of Appeals; I did not prepare brief. I argued case before 8th Circuit United States Court of Appeals.

Wafa Hamdan v. Bd. of Police Commissioners, et al; ED82900; Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District; I did not prepare brief. I argued case before Missouri Court of Appeals.

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Conlyn McNamara v. City of St. Louis, et al; 0822-SC00592; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Kerry O'Sullivan, Law Offices of Rouse & Cary, 10733 Sunset Office Drive, Suite 410, St. Louis, MO 63127; bench trial; plaintiff alleged property damage due to auto accident; judgment for City.

Christa Dyson v. City of St. Louis; 22042-08531; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Joseph Robbins, 906 Olive Street, Suite 1125, St. Louis, MO 63101; jury trial; plaintiff alleged injury due to automobile accident; judgment for City.

Donna Jayne v. City of St. Louis; 22052-09167; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel were Paul Evans, 1114 Main St., Blue Springs, MO 64015 and John Burnett, 201 N Spring St, Independence, MO 64050; jury trial; plaintiff alleged City had notice of dangerous condition (sidewalk), causing her injury; judgment for City.

Susan Watkins v. City of St. Louis; 22052-10306; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Christopher Risler, 7800 Forsyth Blvd., Suite 700, Clayton, MO 63105; jury trial; plaintiff alleged injury due to sidewalk fall; judgment for City.

Carol Howell v. City of St. Louis; 22052-07058; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Michael Sudekum, 1108 Olive Street, Fifth Floor, St. Louis, MO 63101; jury trial; plaintiff alleged injury due to sidewalk fall; judgment for City.

Robert Bell v. Lorenzo Chancellor; 4:03cv810 JCH; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri; represented Lorenzo Chancellor (correctional employee); first chair; no opposing counsel; jury trial; plaintiff alleged civil rights claim based on retaliation; judgment for Lorenzo Chancellor.

Lance Cole v. Michael Hurt, et al; 4:03cv622 SNL; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri; represented Michael Hurt and Joshua Miklovic (police department employees); first chair; opposing counsel was Michael George, 2525 S. Brentwood Blvd., Suite 102, St. Louis, MO 63144; jury trial; plaintiff alleged excessive force; plaintiff's judgment against Joshua Miklovic; defendant's verdict for Michael Hurt.

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Timothy Harris v. Philip Merlo, et al; 22032-00457; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented Philip Merlo (police employee); first chair; opposing counsel were Dean Plocher and Ken Danzinger, 16 North Central Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105; jury trial; plaintiff alleged injury due to pedestrian accident with police department vehicle; judgment for plaintiff.

Joan Hoffman v. City of St. Louis, et al; 22022-11418; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Frank Kriegel, 6100 S. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63111; jury trial; plaintiff alleged injury after falling over tree stump adjacent to sidewalk; plaintiff found 40% at fault.

Brenda Ramsey v. Montel Harris; 22002-01348; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented Montel Harris; first chair; opposing counsel was Stephen Ahlheim, 7530 Forsyth, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63105; jury trial; plaintiff alleged injury from automobile accident; judgment for Montel Harris.

Kevin Miner v. City of St. Louis; 4:98cv1300 CAS; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri; represented City of St. Louis and numerous correctional employees; first chair; opposing counsel was Shannon Blankinship, One Metropolitan Square, Suite 3000, St. Louis, MO 63102; jury trial; plaintiff alleges excessive force while he was a pretrial detainee; judgment for defendants.

Janice Harris v. City of St. Louis; 22002-00928; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Richard Keyes, 12300 Old Tesson Road, Suite 100-B, St. Louis, MO 63128; jury trial; plaintiff alleged due to falling on sidewalk; judgment for plaintiff.

Moore's Used Cars v. City of St. Louis; 22006-00821; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; no opposing counsel; bench trial; plaintiff alleged damage to vehicle after driving over sewer lid on milled street; judgment for plaintiff.

Anthony Robinson v. Wayman Smith, et al; 22990-05748; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented St. Louis City Board of Police Commissioners; first chair; opposing counsel was Mitchell Stoddard, 500 Northwest Plaza, Suite 710, St. Ann, MO 63074; bench trial; plaintiff alleged police officer responsible for accident; judgment for Board of Police Commissioners.

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Joe Williams v. Renee Waterford, et al; 22982-09010; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented Renee Waterford and City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Derald Gab, 1708 Olive Street, St. Louis, MO 63101; jury trial; plaintiff alleged defendant caused accident; judgment for Renee Waterford and City of St. Louis.

Ruby McGhee v. James Jackson, et al; 22980-12682; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented James Jackson and St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; first chair; opposing counsel was Richard Abrams, 211 N. Broadway, Suite 2500, St. Louis, MO 63102; bench trial; plaintiff alleged police officer was responsible for accident; judgment for plaintiff.

Jodell Spears v. Keith McGull; 22962-07330; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented Keith McGull (police officer); first chair; opposing counsel was William Sorrell, 4378 Lindell, St. Louis, MO 63108; jury trial; plaintiff alleged police officer was responsible for accident and injuries; judgment for plaintiff.

Credit Acceptance v. Free Smith, et al; 22960-15196; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel for Richard Constance, 720 Olive Street, Suite 2202, St. Louis, MO 63101; bench trial; City was third party defendant on conversion action; judgment for third party plaintiff.

Thelma Butler v. City of St. Louis; 22962-00794; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Charles Willis, 4242 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108; jury trial; plaintiff alleged injury due to falling on sidewalk; judgment for City.

Charent Rotellini v. St. Louis Parking Co., et al; 22980-00548; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented St. Louis Parking Company; first chair; opposing counsel was Peggy Hardge-Harris, 314 North Broadway, Suite 835, St. Louis, MO 63102; bench trial; plaintiff alleged injury due to fall at St. Louis Centre Parking Garage; judgment for plaintiff.

Wilson Gray, et al v. Clarence Harmon, et al; 22970-07406; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis and St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; first chair; no opposing counsel; bench trial; plaintiff alleged damages due to accident involving police department vehicle; judgment for plaintiff.

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Billy Lockett v. Christine McCarthy; 22960-08388; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented city employee; first chair; opposing counsel Martin Clay, 8112 Maryland, Suite 500, Clayton, MO 63105; bench trial; plaintiff alleged property due to accident with City employee; plaintiff found 50% at fault.

Doris Ekstrum v. Vincent SaBella, et al; 22960-15755; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; opposing counsel was Wally Pankowski, 10105 West Florissant, Dellwood, MO 63136; bench trial; plaintiff alleged city employee violated electric signal, causing accident; plaintiff found 70% at fault.

Wayne Stephens v. City of St. Louis, et al; 22986-00030; 22nd Judicial Circuit Court; represented City of St. Louis; first chair; no opposing counsel; bench trial; plaintiff alleged property damage when his sewer line was replaced; judgment for plaintiff.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

CITY OF ST. LOUIS, CITY COUNSELOR'S OFFICE, St. Louis, Missouri

****Associate City Counselor (1996 - present)**

Attorney Manager of Municipal Prosecution Division. Responsible for supervision of municipal attorneys in prosecution of municipal ordinance violations. Past experience in defending lawsuits involving personal injury, property damage, and federal civil rights. Jury trial experience.

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY, St. Louis, Missouri

****Adjunct Professor (2005 - present)**

Currently teach in Management and Legal Studies Departments

FONTBONNE UNIVERSITY, Clayton, Missouri

****Adjunct Professor (2004 - 2012)**

Constitutional Law Instructor (graduate and undergraduate)

STATE FARM MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, St. Louis, Missouri

****Claim Litigation (1993 - 1996)**

Responsibilities included the litigation and handling of claims presented by policy holders and third-party claimants or their legal representative. Interpreted policy contract language on behalf of company and policy holders. Participated in lawsuits and mediations on behalf of company.

JUDGE DAVID D. NOCE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, St. Louis, Missouri

****Judicial Law Clerk (1991 - 1993)**

Responsibilities included extensive research and drafting of judicial memoranda, communications with attorneys, supervision of student interns, and attendance at pretrial conferences.

EDUCATION:

Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa (Joint Degree J.D./M.A.)

Doctor of Jurisprudence and Master of Arts in Mass Communication (1991)

University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri (B.J.)

Bachelor of Journalism in Advertising (1988)

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